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## BEER LAW IS PASSED WITH ONE NO VOTE

### Speedy Action By Council to Regulate Sale in Torrance

With only one dissenting vote, the city council of Torrance moved Tuesday night to license and regulate the sale of "non-intoxicating alcoholic liquor" within the city limits.

Under the terms of the ordinance "non-intoxicating liquor" is held to include beer, lager beer, ale, porter, and other brewed or fermented beverages containing more than one-half of one per cent and not more than 3.2 per cent of alcohol by weight.

Following the reading of the ordinance for the third time, Councilman Scott R. Ludlow moved for its adoption, and the matter came to a vote. Four members promptly voted "aye," Councilman J. M. Wright "no," and the legal sale of beer in Torrance became a matter of record.

Six classes of licenses were provided by the ordinance, to include "on sale," which means that the beverage is to be consumed on the premises; "off sale" licenses which give the purchaser the right to take the suds with him in its original container; wholesale licenses which cover the business of resale to retailers, and wholesale delivery, which covers the distribution to dealers but does not permit delivery to private homes or consumers; "membership club" licenses with a high and low fee according to the amount of annual dues paid by "members."

No beer will be permitted to be sold in any retail establishment for consumption on the premises unless food is served with it as a part of the order.

License fees are fixed at amounts ranging from \$7.50 to \$125.00 a quarter. Class 1, including bona fide restaurants, cafes, hotels maintaining a dining room, will be assessed \$12.50 per quarter. Class 2, where beer is sold to be consumed off the premises will pay \$7.50; clubs, whose membership pays annual dues amounting to more than \$12 a year, will pay \$25; clubs whose membership dues are less than \$12 yearly will pay \$12.50; wholesalers and distributors will be assessed \$12.50 per quarter.

Thirty-one persons and firms were granted permits at a special session of the council held this morning. Of these, 14 were for "on sale," 13 "off sale," one membership club, and three wholesale delivery.

## Important Street Projects Held Up By Corporations

Beautification of Torrance boulevard and the extension of a through street to the General Petroleum refinery—two projects which the city council is anxious to get under way—are both being held up awaiting action of Pacific Electric Railway and General Petroleum Corporation officials, it was revealed at the city council meeting this week.

Widening and parking of Torrance boulevard is held up pending the arrival of signed agreements from the Pacific Electric for leasing its right-of-way. Decision on improvement of a through street to the General Petroleum refinery awaits an agreement with the Edison company which is planning on constructing a pole line along the proposed street.

### AN APPEAL FOR HELP

Funds with which to carry on urgent needs of the Veterans' Relief Association are exhausted, it was revealed today, and an urgent appeal is being made to secure the payment of contributions which were pledged to the Community Service Association during the recent drive. Payments or additional contributions may be made at either of the two Torrance banks, or at the Chamber of Commerce. This situation is acute. Your help is badly needed.

## Lomita Township Constables Display Natty New Uniforms



Photo by Haig & Haig, Torrance.

Constable Charles R. Taber and Deputy William Neff, Lomita township officers, display new uniforms.

If a big man in a soldierly-looking suit and a rakish cap should tap you on the shoulder and give you the come along sign, don't click your heels and prepare to salute, thinking that it is General "Black Jack" Pershing himself. No, no! Not at all. It is only Charles R. Taber, William Neff or Elmer B. Straight, of Lomita, who are demonstrating this week what the well-dressed constable will wear.

County regulations have forced these township officers out of their comfortable civvies and put them into snappy uniforms, which are attractive to the eye and very becoming to the men who wear them. These same men, however, are putting in some uncomfortable hours trying to get used to the feel of the tight-fitting blouses, which they say have made them realize what a woman must go through with when she puts on her front-lace corset to go out for an afternoon at a sewing circle.

Not satisfied with putting them into the tight jackets, the regulations provide also for the wearing of the Sam Browne belt, which goes around the middle and up over one shoulder, with the result that the constables are reduced to 10-cent lunches and a walk through the kitchen at dinner time.

## Forum Meeting of Chamber to Be Held Tues.

The regular quarterly membership meeting of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce will be held at the chamber offices next Tuesday evening, April 18, at 7:30 o'clock, it was announced by Secretary Gilmeister today. Earlier plans for a dinner meeting have been abandoned, but the entire membership of the chamber is invited to participate in the discussion of civic affairs which will be held Tuesday evening. President Bert W. Lanz will preside.

## School Convention Held At Occidental

School principals, superintendents and district superintendents from Torrance and other sections of the county are to attend the annual county convention to be held at Occidental College in Eagle Rock on April 22. According to Archie R. Clifton, county superintendent of schools, numerous matters pertaining to schools all over the county will be taken up.

Members of the Los Angeles County Administrators and Supervisors Association will join the annual meeting this year.

## PLANS FOR REOPENING BANK AWAIT ACTION OF DEPOSITORS

### Collateral Contributions of Common Stock Holders Completed; Nothing Further Can Be Done Until Depositors Sign New Agreements

Considerable progress was made during the past week in the plan for reorganizing the First National Bank of Torrance, to enable the institution to resume normal operations within a short time. All the common stock holders of the bank have deposited additional collateral equivalent to a 100 per cent assessment, and the question of reopening the bank on a 100 per cent basis is now squarely up to the depositors.

Before the reorganization plan can be considered by the comptroller of the currency, it is necessary that every depositor sign the trustee agreement to transfer 50 per cent of their respective accounts to the three trustees, who in turn, are authorized to invest funds so transferred in preferred, non-assessable, cumulative preferred stock, as provided for under federal laws and regulations of the United States comptroller of the currency. Trustees in charge are Frank Dalton, C. T. Rippey and A. E. Witt.

In order to clear up a misunderstanding on the part of some depositors, the trustees point out that the new trustee agreements nullify and supersede the former subscriptions for preferred stock which were signed by a number of depositors shortly after the banking holiday. Even though a depositor signed the original agreements, it is necessary under the new plan to again sign the trustee agreement. The old subscription slips are cancelled and are being returned to depositors.

A large number of depositors have already signed the new trustee agreements, and those who have not done so already are urged to do so at once. The escrow room at the bank has been opened as depositors' headquarters. Volunteer workers, anxious to assist in completing the new plan, are in charge and will gladly furnish any information. Those who find it inconvenient to all in person, may telephone 606. The depositors' headquarters is open daily, including Saturday, from 10 a. m. to 6 p. m.

## CONSTRUCTION OF OUTFALL SEWER STARTS SOON, WARREN

### Plans and Specifications Will Be Completed and Ready For Advertising For Bids About June 15; Directors Authorize Drill Explorations

Construction work on the White Point outfall sewer, to serve Torrance and more than a score of other cities and communities in the county will be under way within four months, it was predicted today by A. K. Warren, chief engineer.

Warren's prediction was made following meetings of the boards of directors of districts 1, 2, 5 and 8 this week, at which Wilmington representatives appeared before the directors with resolutions and petitions asking that the work go forward.

Further indications that selfish private interests have been decisively beaten in their efforts to delay building of the much-needed \$2,750,000 outfall was evidenced by the fact that for the first time the private interests did not have an "eavesdropper" at the sessions. At previous meetings Mayor F. A. Jones of Hawthorne has halted proceedings while he held a whispered conversation with Lloyd Nix, attorney for the private interests.

J. W. Weightman, of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, presented petitions endorsed by the Wilmington Northwest Improvement Association, the Exchange Club, the Wilmington division of the Los Angeles Realty Board and the Woman's Club, urging that the sewer be constructed. Hugh Wilson presented a petition of San Pedro residents, with more than 400 signatures.

Warren stated that plans and specifications for the outfall will be completed and ready for advertising of bids about June 15, and that diamond drill borings of the formations to be encountered by contractors will have been made by that time. Actual construction will be authorized within a month later, he stated.

"Speaking of boring," Wilson said a moment later, "the San Pedro private interests that have been opposing this outfall have certainly tried to do some 'boring' in our community. They have done everything possible to try to get us to change our minds and oppose the outfall, as they have induced a few others to do."

"I also have been approached openly by representatives of these private interests to induce me to oppose the plan," Mayor Pomeroy

## Resigns As Director



At Left—Judge John Dennis, who resigned this week as director on Metropolitan water district board.

Below—City Attorney J. R. Jensen, appointed to fill the vacancy.



In a letter to the city council Tuesday night, Judge John Dennis resigned as this city's representative on the Metropolitan water district board of directors. Judge Dennis has been an enthusiastic supporter of the huge Colorado river aqueduct project ever since its inception. For several years before the election in

## Police Arrest Three Men After All-Night Vigil Aged Couple Near Torrance Threatened With Torture By Fire

After an all-night vigil which lasted until 5:15 Tuesday morning, officers from the Los Angeles city police department and sheriff's sub-station No. 3, were successful in capturing three men who were suspected of having plotted to torture and rob Walter D. Hammond and his sister, Eunice F. Hammond, residing on El Nido road near Electric boulevard near Torrance, who were reputed to have a considerable sum of money in their possession.

Acting on advices that suspicious characters had been seen in the vicinity of the Hammond home which is located in a sparsely settled district, the officers "staked out" behind a power house in the vicinity and waited for the asserted plotters to appear. According to their information the affair was due to take place at 4:30 a. m., but no one showed up and shortly after 5:00 o'clock the officers were about to abandon their quest when a Packard sedan was seen approaching west on Electric boulevard, which turned down El Nido and stopped to pick up two men.

As this move checked with the information of suspicions of the police the sedan was halted and the three men were taken into custody. The driver, white, gave his name as Jimmy Vienne, 183 So. Martel avenue, Hollywood. The other two were Negroes, one of whom gave his name as Robert S. Heater, 4453 Lexington, Los Angeles.

In the car were found a 38-caliber revolver, two bandages of white cloth, a reel of heavy strand wire and a pair of pliers.

On returning to the police station, the officers came upon a Ford roadster which was parked on Electric boulevard about a half a mile from El Nido, which Heater admitted he had left there. Neither the Packard or the Ford had a registration card, but Vienne finally admitted that the Packard had been stolen Saturday from a parking station at Sixth and Western avenue. Its license plates had been replaced by plates which were traced to a Ford sedan registered to a Hollywood address.

The three men were held on charges of suspicion of grand theft, attempted robbery and possession of a deadly weapon.

According to the reports of the affair, the Hammonds, both of whom are past 70 years of age, were to have been captured and bound with wire and their feet burned to make them tell where their money was hidden. Their assailants were expected to arrive in a Packard, which they would abandon after leaving the scene of the affair and make their getaway in a Ford roadster which was to be parked a short distance away.

Bank Got Gold Quarter  
MODESTO, Calif.—(U.P.)—A gold quarter, minted in 1853 from California gold dust, was among the coins turned in to a bank during the drive to bring hoarded gold into circulation.

## COUNCIL GETS READY TO SELL WATER BONDS

### Entire Cost of System, Exclusive of Pipe Lines, Is Estimated at \$181,000

Construction of Torrance's proposed new \$400,000 municipal water system was brought a step nearer realization Tuesday night when the City Council authorized City Attorney J. R. Jensen to proceed with the preparation of necessary legal documents for the sale of bonds.

The council's action was taken on request of Councilman Ludlow, who was ruled "out of order" by Mayor Klusman at the last meeting of the council when he proposed similar action. However, when Ludlow explained that the action proposed was merely to get the necessary legal documents ready in order not to delay action when the proper time arrived, Mayor Klusman acquiesced and voted for the motion.

"The bond market is in a deuce of a fix," remarked Mayor Klusman, and warned the council that the city might have to pay a high rate of interest at the present time if the bonds were sold.

Ludlow replied that he had heard otherwise from reputable bond brokers, who pointed out the city's large assessed valuation and its small bonded indebtedness. Ludlow explained that the customary procedure is to draw up the entire amount of bonds which were approved by the electorate, but to issue only such amounts as are required from time to time as the work progresses and money is needed.

Councilman Wright advocated the immediate construction of the reservoir, an elevated tank, and the drilling of two wells, and asked City Engineer Leonard what the cost of such projects would be.

Cost \$181,000  
Leonard informed the council that the entire cost of the proposed new system, exclusive of the distributing lines, would be approximately \$181,000. Included in this total are such items as: 5,000,000-gallon dual reservoir, \$56,000; elevated pressure tank, \$20,000; two wells, approximately 600 feet deep, with pumps, \$14,000; as well as an aerating plant and incidental expenses incurred to date including the \$5000 legal expense of validating the bond issue in the courts.

When asked regarding the possibility of having the Reconstruction Finance Corporation purchase the bonds, City Attorney Jensen stated that he had been informed by an official of the R. F. C. that there was a bill expected soon to be approved by Congress which would permit the R. F. C. to finance such municipal bond issues.

As chairman of the special water committee, Mayor Klusman stated that he had received a list of the physical assets of the Torrance Water, Light & Power Company, but he did not reveal the value which the water company, placed on its property.

## Local Drive For Red Cross Funds Starts At Once

### Arrangements Made for Card Party to Be Held April 21

Mrs. Caroline Collins, chairman in charge of Red Cross work in Torrance, announces that plans have been made to go on with the local drive for funds which was announced two weeks ago, but which was temporarily postponed. All committees named at that time are requested to take up their duties at once. The card party, postponed from March 29, will be given on April 21 at the Woman's clubhouse. The public is urged to attend this and other activities which will be carried out to put Torrance over the top in its quota required for the relief of earthquake victims.

Many communities in the state have already completed their drive for funds, and Torrance Red Cross workers are anxious to see that this city does not fall in its duty to the distressed.

## Adopt New Plan For Checking On Local Workers

### Investigators to Be Appointed in All Relief Districts

Mrs. Olive D. Matthews of San Pedro, harbor district candidate for member of the board of education, failed to keep her engagement to speak at the meeting of the Voters' League, Friday evening. However, the group had two other interesting speakers, R. H. Goodpasture of the Unemployment Council, and L. E. Merchant, business agent for the units of this district. Points brought out by these speakers included the new arrangement which has been adopted to appoint investigators for each district who will pass on the qualifications of applicants for county work.

It has been the case in the congested areas, particularly, that many individuals have sought and obtained county work who were not in immediate straits. In the future, investigators will interview all applicants, and those who have some means of support or are situated financially so as to take care of themselves will be dropped from the lists.

Another feature of the appointment which was strongly objected to, was the appointment of individuals to "straw boss" jobs which they retained for consecutive days over periods of time much longer than those assigned to other jobs. Under the county stabilization plan men are rotated in jobs so that each man secures a certain number of days in each month and all are given a "chance" to work in some instances, "straw bosses" were retained on jobs consecutively for much longer periods, and the rank and file became dissatisfied with the arrangement.

Investigators for the Torrance, Lomita and Harbor City district will probably be appointed in a few days.

## Holy Week Services At Catholic Church

Services at the Church of the Nativity for the remainder of Holy week will include the following:  
Good Friday: Mass of the Pre-Sanctified, 8 a. m.; Veneration of the Cross all day; stations and sermon, 7:30 p. m.  
Holy Saturday: Paschal blessing, 7:00 a. m.; holy mass, 8:00 a. m.; confessions, 3-6 and 7:30-9:30 p. m.  
Easter Sunday: Low mass and general communion, 7:30 a. m.; high mass, 9:30 a. m., followed by Benediction of Blessed Sacrament.

"This is the day which the Lord hath made, let us rejoice and be glad therein."